THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) During a seminar on "Freedom of the Seas", the Chief of the Naval Staff had expressed his concern over acts of piracy and terrorism affecting the maritime environment in the Indian Ocean.

(b) The Indian Navy frequently conducts 'Presence & Surveillance' missions. Aircraft surveillance sorties and ship patrols are carried out at frequent intervals in close coordination by Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. Cooperation and constructive engagement with India's maritime neighbours is also maintained to curb terrorism across the ocean.

Co-ordination between RPF and security forces

1702. SHRI RAJIV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need for closer cordination between RPF and the Central Intelligence and Paramilitary forces in view of the recent events of terrorism on trains in Mumbai and Haryana; and

(b) whether the transfer of RPF and Railway assets protection function to the Home Ministry would be more effective for better co-ordination and to ensure accountability for the critical issue of passenger and train and security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Necessary instructions have been issued to further streamline mechanisms for close co-ordination between RPF, Central and State Intelligence and security agencies at different levels.

(b) There is no such proposal.

Unauthorised parking lots in Delhi

1703. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the location and other details of various valid parking lots operating at present in MCD areas, indicating whether these are directly under MCD or are operated through contractors;

(b) whether Government have any assessment of the unauthorized parking lots operating in MCD areas; if so, the details thereof;